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Condition of Indian doctors in U.S.A.

1560. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the discrimination being meted out to foreign *doctors* working in U.S.A. in the matter of employment, licences, promotions, and other professional works and it is also reported that Mr. James Bates and Mr. Daniel Monyihen are introducing remedial bills in the House of Representatives and the Senate respectively;

(b) what are the main problems faced by the Indian doctors in USA;

(c) what is government's reaction in the matter, and whether they have conr veyed it to the Government of U.S.A.; if not what are the reason therefor;

(d) what are the details of the remedies proposed by Mr. James Bates and Senator Mr. Daniel Monyihen; and

(e) what action has been taken by Government *to* promote the objectivesof the above legislative proposals?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI K. NATWAR SINGH) (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The main problems faced by foreign medical graduates in USA are in the areas of jobs, promotions, hospital privileges, licencing, reciprocity and other facets of medical practice.

(c) It would not be appropriate for Government of India to comment on the internal affairs of another country.

(d) Congressmen Bates and Solarz in the House and Senator Monyihan in the Senate introduced Bills during the last Congress to prohibit discrimination to foreign medical graduates in the areas mentioned at (b) above. The action taken by the House and the Senate was to request a study on cases of discrimination especially in the areas of licencing and reciprocity. The study is underway by the General Accounting Office and International Associations of American Physicians (IAAP). The study will take another six months before its results are declared. During this Congress Session, two Bills have already been introduced — by Congressman Bates in the House and Senator Moynihan in the Senate. Passage of these Bills is expected to eradicate all areas of discrimination to foreign medical graduates and will gain them equality with US medical graduates.

(e) It would not be appropriate for Government of India to interfere in the legislative processes of another country.